



# Keesler, Columbus survive Katrina

## ■ Bases report no injuries or deaths

By Louis Arana-Barradas  
Air Force Print News

**SAN ANTONIO** — For the first time since Hurricane Katrina forced them into shelters, 6,000 people at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., ventured outside for a breath of fresh air Tuesday.

People stood in line for up to two hours to get their first hot food since Hurricane Katrina nearly blew Keesler off the map, said Lt. Col. Claudia Foss, the 81st Training Wing spokesperson.

“We were able to feed 6,000 people at one dining facility,” she said. Then, after being cooped up for days, families just wanted to go outside and get some fresh air.

“The kids were all anxious to get out of the shelters and play,” she said.

At Columbus AFB, people at this flight training base in northern Mississippi are breathing a sigh of relief as damage assessments and cleanup efforts continue.

The base did not sustain any storm-related fatalities or injuries, base officials said.

While Hurricane Katrina did not pass directly over the base, early estimates place damage at about \$765,000. There was \$600,000 in damage to the historic Walker Center, a warehouse used for mobility processing.

There was also minor damage to another logistics warehouse, and high winds uproot-



Courtesy photo

**Gulf of Mexico and Bay of Biloxi waters swept onto Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., during Hurricane Katrina’s onslaught Monday.**

ed 50 trees, officials said. However, civil engineers had the base airfield open by noon Aug. 30.

Sixty of the 209 aircraft at the base flew to another base before the storm hit. The remainder were sheltered in hangars or secured to the ramp. None of the aircraft sustained any damage.

At Keesler, the festive mood ended for most Wednesday when families who live on

the training base got to visit their homes for the first time since they evacuated them late last week. Most of the base housing area along the Bay of Biloxi shoreline is uninhabitable because of water damage caused by the tidal surge, said Colonel Foss, whose house was among those heavily damaged. □

*(Rick Johnson, 14th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs contributed to this report.)*



## Damage takes toll at Keesler

By Louis Arana-Barradas  
Air Force Print News

**SAN ANTONIO** — Hurricane Katrina smashed “a good 95 percent” of Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., turning it into a pile of debris and mud, a base spokesperson said.

Water surges from the Gulf of Mexico and the Bay of Biloxi reached depths of five to six feet at times, said Lt. Col. Claudia Foss, 81st Training Wing public affairs.

“Whether it was five feet, one foot or a few inches, at one point everything was covered with bay or Gulf water,” she said.

Fortunately, there have been no reports of people killed or injured at Keesler, she

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# Star bright

## Wing commander joins general ranks



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Joan Anderson-Brown

**Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, accepts the brigadier general flag from retired Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan at Mission's End Wednesday.**

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan  
Public Affairs

The Air Force’s newest general officer, brandishing two sparkling, newly-pinned stars, paused as he faced his wing with his new rank for the first time.

“I’m speechless,” said Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, as he surveyed the more than 350 people at Mission’s End on a sunny Wednesday afternoon.

The “calm leader,” as his colleagues fondly call him, maintained that tranquil demeanor throughout a ceremony that promoted him from colonel to the rank of brigadier general. When he had to lean down a little lower so his wife, Rhonda, could pin one of his silver stars, his face warmed with a smile.

Although the soft-spoken commander prefers not to speak extensively, he did share a few words with the 350-plus crowd that included more than 25 of his family and friends.

Retired Maj. Gen. Thomas O’Riordan, General Miller’s former commander at the Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph

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## Home at last



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

**Tech. Sgt. Ken Hursh, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, embraces his wife, Liz, after returning from a four-month deployment to Andersen Air Force Base Guam. Sergeant Hursh is a B-2 weapons load team chief. About 70 Whiteman Airmen returned home in a C-130. More are scheduled to return today.**



## Back from Guam



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

**Whiteman Airmen greet fellow 509ers returning from a four-month deployment to Andersen Air Force Base Guam Wednesday.**

## Commander's Corner

**By Brig. Gen. Chris Miller**

509th Bomb Wing Commander

**KATRINA.** The damage done by Katrina and the effort it will take to recover are both huge. Whiteman may be tasked to help, and I am confident any of us will step up to whatever we're asked to do. There are also groups and individuals who are pulling together resources for those in need, and our public affairs office will help get the word out for those who want to donate or otherwise lend a hand.

**RTB.** Our Guam deployers are "returning to base" after several months of providing formidable bomber presence to U.S. Pacific Command. It took a tremendous amount of work from those deployed and many here supporting them, and we learned a great deal about how to effectively maintain and train with the B-2 away from home station.

Congratulations to our returning Airmen for a job well done!

**THANKS TO MY WINGMEN.** To all of Team Whiteman and to our neighbors in the community: a heartfelt thanks for your hospitality to my family and the way you helped celebrate a very significant milestone for me at yesterday's promotion ceremony. When I arrived at Whiteman, I was committed to taking care of Airmen and their families while we focused on being ready to fight, from home or deployed, when the nation calls. That hasn't — and won't — change. It is

### Aid Katrina's victims

#### Want to help? Here's how:

■ Whiteman private organizations will be accepting bottled-water donations only at the commissary parking lot beginning on Tuesday - Sept 9.

■ The drop-off point for bottled water will be in front of the commissary; look for the Katrina Relief Effort sign.

■ Place your bottled water contributions on the parked, unmanned trailer.

■ Once the trailer is full, contributions will be delivered to the Red Cross and the trailer will be returned for additional contributions through Sept. 9.

an extraordinary privilege to be here at Whiteman and I salute your continued dedication.

**LABOR DAY — LIVE!** This weekend, enjoy some well-earned time off ... but please, BE SMART about what you do and how you do it! Remember 0-0-1-3; wear your seatbelt and insist others in your car do the same; plan your travel smartly and don't push yourself too long or too fast. If you hurry to save five minutes, and arrive at your hometown dead, you've missed your target. Decisions you make about "safety" can preserve your life, or they can end it. It's that stark. And finally, if you know a buddy is doing something potentially unsafe, don't be silent — speak up, take the keys, use your judgment and be a good wingman! Have a great, safe Labor Day weekend!

# A place to call home

**By Lt. Col. Tim Cothrel**

5th Bomb Wing staff judge advocate

*"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other, wings." — Hodding Carter, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist.*

**MINOT AIR FORCE BASE, N.D. (AFPN) —**

**M**y parents are in the process of moving. That is not exactly earth-shaking news for most middle-aged American men, but this is the first time my parents have moved since 1968. Lyndon Johnson was president when they moved into their current house. Men had not yet landed on the moon. The Beatles were alive, well and still together.

My parents didn't move much before 1968, either. In fact, they are moving into what will be only the fourth home they have shared in the 48 years they have been married. In contrast, my wife and I have been married for only six years, and we are already living in home number four.

Why such a difference? Part of it is the changes in American society in general over the past several decades. In agricultural communities, families were tied to the land, and so they stayed in one area generation after generation. As the country became more and more industrialized, we became more and more mobile. Now that we are a post-industrial nation, whatever that means, we have to be poised to move at a moment's notice.

By the time my son is my age, thanks to the exploding growth of technologies like the Internet and cellular phones, people will probably be in virtually constant motion, whizzing around the country in their hydrogen fusion-powered hovercars watching high-definition anime downloaded to the plasma screens on their palms and their berries with the MP3 ringtones and ... OK, I admit it. I don't really understand what most of that mumbo jumbo even means (as a lawyer, I'm naturally mediocre when it comes to high-tech). But, I seriously do wonder if his generation will ever understand the importance the concept of "home" once had in American culture.

To me, home is, more than anything, about the feeling of belonging some-

where. The word itself creates an instant sense of comfort, familiarity and security. The house my parents are finally leaving remains my home. I lived there from first grade until I left for college. I've since been back for dozens of holidays, vacations and visits. I feel like I could drive there without a map from any point on the continent, guided by sheer instinct. In my heart's eye, no matter where I am stationed, and no matter how plush my parent's new condo turns out to be, that old brick house will always be what I picture when I hear the word "home."

There are times I envy the stability of my parents' lives. As an Airman, I will never have the roots they take for granted. I will never get to know a town or a school or a neighbor the way they did. I will never see a seedling oak grow to tower over my house like they did. I will never be able to tell my grandchildren stories about their father's exploits in the very backyard where they are standing.

The Air Force can't give us a life like my parents. To paraphrase Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., as Airmen, we fight where we are told (and win where we fight). The constantly changing needs of the mission and the system of professional development don't permit us to grow such roots.

Instead, we get wings. Wings make us agile, versatile and flexible to do what must be done where it must be done. Wings keep us moving not only from base to base and house to house, but onward, upward and forward in our growth and our performance as individuals and as teams.

But in spite of this necessity for regular changes in our jobs, locations, co-workers, etc., the Air Force still manages to give us roots of another kind. We share history, customs, traditions, experiences and above all, purpose. These are the roots that give us our identity and form the ties that bind us to each other, to the past and to the future. They create a neighborhood that has no geographical boundaries but is still as real as any village or parish or city.

We are not just working for the Air Force. We are members of the Air Force. We belong to it and it belongs to us, just like any family or community. No matter where in the world we go, no matter what mission we perform, every time we suit up, we come home. □

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## News in Brief

### Construction to start Monday

Demolition of base housing on Ellsworth Lane is underway. The road from Houx Drive to Spirit Boulevard will be closed for 30 days. During this time, large construction equipment will be used. For more details, call Mike Roberts at 687-4229 or Earnie Macios at 687-6295.

### BCC luncheon set

The next base community council luncheon begins at noon Thursday at Mission's End. Windsor, Mo., is the featured community. The menu is southwest chicken wrap with chips. The cost is \$8.50. Those interested in attending must R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday. No late R.S.V.P.s will be accepted. To R.S.V.P. call Melissa Klinkner at 687-6122.

### MUNS schedules inventory

The Munitions Storage Area will be conducting a 100 percent inventory during the week of Sept. 12-16. All requests should be scheduled for no later than Sept. 9 so staff members can prepare for this inventory. Only valid emergency issue requests will be processed during the duration of the inventory. For more details, call Master Sgt. Kevin Hendershot or Staff Sgt. Walter Swan at 687-4480 or 687-2510.

### Air Force Ball set

The 2005 Whiteman Air Force Ball begins at 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the 442nd Fighter Wing's 5-bay hangar. Tickets are \$25 and are available from Whiteman first sergeants. Attire is mess dress for military members and semi-formal for civilians. For more details, call Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818.

### Gate construction continues

Delays may occur at the Spirt Gate Sept. 10 due to the placement of the new spirit guardhouse with large construction equipment. Traffic will be flagged at times to stop when the equipment and building will be blocking in-bound and out-bound traffic. Please continue to be patient with the continuing construction efforts at the Spirit Gate. For more details, call 2nd Lt. Rachel Hamlyn at 687-6256 or Jerry Forste at 687-6293.

## Around the Air Force

### Chief of staff ceremony set

**SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** — The swearing in of Gen. T. Michael Moseley as the Air Force's 18th chief of staff will be broadcast live today from Andrews Air Force Base, Md. The live broadcast is scheduled for 10 a.m. EDT and will be available on the Pentagon Channel and on Air Force Link at <http://www.af.mil/csaf/player.html>.

### New ID for families, survivors

**FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AFPN)** — A permanent uniformed services identification card will be available in September for all eligible family members and survivors, age 75 and over, of deceased servicemembers. Beneficiaries currently in possession of a valid ID card should obtain the new permanent ID card within 90 days of expiration. If beneficiaries' cards are not due to expire for at least another year, they need not apply for the new ID card until their existing card is within 90 days of expiring, TRICARE officials said.

## Assault prevention video mandatory for Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Todd Lopez

Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON** — A new training video recently distributed to the Air Force through vice wing commanders is required viewing for all Airmen.

All Airmen must view the new video, entitled "Targeting Sexual Assault," by Nov. 1. It's part of a larger Air Force campaign to educate Airmen about the realities of sexual assault, the prevention responsibilities of every Airman, and the efforts the Air Force is making to enhance prevention and response capabilities, said Charlene Bradley, who led the Air Force task force review and program development.

The training video features important messages by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper, Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray, and Lt. Gen. Roger Brady, deputy chief of staff of the Air Force for personnel. Those senior leader messages focus heavily on Air Force core values, on the "Wingman" concept and on respect for each other.

"We must ensure that every Airman understands that sexual assault is a crime and an egregious breach of our core values," General Brady said. "Our respect for ourselves, each other and our Air Force, are principles in our core values, principles violated when Airmen take advantage of other Airmen."

As part of an introduction to the training portion of the video, General Jumper tells commanders and Airmen what he wants them to take away from the film.

"I want every Airmen to know what sexual assault is and how to report it," he said. "I want commanders and supervisors to support a policy and foster a climate that encourages reporting and cares for victims when they do report. And I want commanders to take appropriate action when sexual assault has occurred."

The main training portion of the video is a dramatization of a rape scenario, where mutual friends introduce two Airmen to each other. The fact the two know each other is an important part of the film, Ms. Bradley said, because it helps

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said. More than 6,000 people rode out the storm in seven shelters at the base and all are accounted for. But elsewhere the storm has claimed at least 68 lives and the death toll is expected to rise.

The colonel said what the base looks like now compares "to being in Iraq" because of the destruction and debris scattered everywhere. The storm knocked trees down or stripped them of their limbs.

"Power lines are down," she said. "We've got light poles that are just bent over and there's nothing around them — so how did they bend over? Everywhere you walk, there's either debris, trees that have fallen over or mud and muck."

The maximum winds at the base gusted to more than 90 mph, officials at the Air Force Climatology Center at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., said. And sustained winds of 50 mph buffeted the base for most of the time.

The devastation at the base near Biloxi is widespread, as it is along the Gulf Coast and further inland. Flood waters destroyed much of the base housing area and heavily damaged industrial areas, the colonel said. And the storm damaged a big part of the base runway.

## Funeral of a friend



Photo by Airman 1st Class Jason Burton

**Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, greets congressional members on the flight line Sunday. They stopped at Whiteman to attend the funeral of the late Susan Skelton, wife of Congressman Ike Skelton. Air Force senior leaders, including Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper attended the funeral. Mrs. Skelton passed away Aug. 23.**

"In many homes, there was three feet of water," said Colonel Foss, who lost her home to the flooding. "In my house, the wall facing the bay is gone."

The colonel said one home burned down. Other homes less damaged by flooding are "not liveable."

Near the base front gate that faces the Gulf, six-foot deep water flooded the commissary and exchange stores. Many buildings have missing roofs and walls. Teams are working to clear as much debris as possible so people can return to their homes for the first time since moving into shelters late last week.

"So we're anticipating how folks are going to react," the colonel said. She said many will find their homes destroyed. But at least they can make "an initial assessment on whether or not they can salvage anything."

To help people cope with the events of the past few days, teams of chaplains and life skills specialists are available at each shelter, Colonel Foss said.

"We're taking care of our active duty members and their families," she said.

There is no power at the base hospital, so patients must move elsewhere. Medical

personnel from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas, left for Keesler Aug. 30 to help evacuate about 25 patients, medical center officials said. Three critical care teams and one obstetrics team left on a C-130 Hercules. Keesler officials will evacuate less critical patients to on-base shelters.

The base runway, while damaged, can still support C-17 Globemaster III and C-130 transport aircraft, the colonel said. The aircraft will help bring in relief supplies, Colonel Foss said.

Help is starting to flow into the base, she said. Teams from the Navy base at Pensacola, Fla., are flying helicopters into the base to help. The Navy will send search and rescue teams to the base, she said.

Airmen at other bases are ready to lend a hand as soon as possible, the colonel said. A team of Red Horse engineers is one of the first expected to arrive. They will help clear debris and help get the base back on track.

*(Contributing to this report: Master Sgt. Orville Desjarlais, Air Force Print News; Lois Walsh, Eglin AFB, Fla.; and Sue Campbell, Wilford Hall Medical)*

# Force protection: A perspective

By Mike Wilson  
509th Bomb Wing Antiterrorism officer

America is no stranger to the sneak attack. More than 60 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called Dec. 7, 1941, “a date which will live in infamy,” referring to the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. America was propelled into World War II when 2,401 Americans — mostly military personnel — lost their lives.

Fast forward to Sept. 11, 2001. America suffered another sneak attack, under a new guise: terrorism. This time 2,973 Americans — mostly civilians — were killed, and America was propelled into the global war on terrorism. Today, in the aftermath of Sept. 11, the nation faces a new brand of terror. What does the GWOT mean to the average American?

Monday-Sept. 11 is Force Protection Week here, and calls for Team Whiteman to reflect not only on the sacrifices made in defense of our country, but also on our level of situational awareness.

As wing antiterrorism officer, my job is to help protect the B-2 and all personnel and resources associated with this national asset.

In protecting these assets, all members of the 509th Bomb Wing face a vicious, brutal, fanatical enemy who will stop at nothing to achieve their goals.

“The global war on terrorism is truly a global conflict,” said Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th BW commander. “There are no fixed battle lines as in previous conflicts. We must continue to place special emphasis on force protection as a way of life.”

Our enemy has demonstrated their resolve to destroy us and our GWOT allies by heinous attacks such as Sept. 11, Khobar Towers, the USS Cole and the events currently unfolding in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Communication between law enforcement and security agencies has dramatically improved since Sept. 11. Before that fateful day, terrorists often used our own laws and personal freedoms as a cover to attack us. In my opinion, our government is doing a good job in protecting our people within U.S. borders, but no solution is fool-proof.

During World War II, many dramatic and sweeping laws were passed — some worked well and some did not. The draft was instituted, rationing became commonplace, there were Victory Gardens and air raid wardens. Life was never the same again. Our country fought for almost four years against fanatical enemies, defeated them, and now they are our allies for the most part.

The GWOT is not like World War II. It is not a fight between countries and governments; this is a fight between competing ideologies, freedom vs. terror. There are no front lines as in previous wars. Each person’s mind is a front line, as terrorist organizations attempt to influence through fear.

Before Sept. 11, if a person asked specific questions about the base’s security posture, number of gates, duty hours, etc., they may have just been considered curious or looking for employment opportunities.

The GWOT has changed our perspective and the way we look at the world now. It is crucial for all American citizens, not just those in uniform or associated with the DoD, to be aware and report anything suspicious in nature that could be linked to the GWOT.

Complacency can literally kill. We cannot take it for granted someone else will report someone climbing over a base fence or rationalize it is someone else’s job to report such incidents.

We cannot depend solely on our security forces as they cannot be everywhere at all times. We must take responsibility; all Airmen are sensors.

Not only is supporting our troops and government during a time of war crucial to winning the GWOT, but awareness of one’s surroundings, making note of suspicious activities and reporting such activities to authorities

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■ **To report suspicious activity on or around Whiteman, call 509th Security Forces Law Enforcement at 687-3700.**



## Y'ALLAPALOOZA



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

A patriotic concert goer thanks senior airmen Brian Leverton and Audrey Umhoefer, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, for their military service at the Y'allapalooza concert Saturday. Country radio station Q104 FM hosted the event, which was held at Verizon Wireless Amphitheater in Bonner Springs, Kan. The concert honored Airmen from Whiteman, Soldiers from Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and Marines from the Marine Corps Recruiting Command in Kansas City, Mo.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Staff Sgt. Tim Owens, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, sings the national anthem while more than 25 military members salute on stage in front of a crowd of thousands during the event. Right: Steve Azar (far right) stands with military members backstage before the event.



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## Win free tickets to AF Ball

*The first two people to respond correctly to all the questions will receive one ticket each to the Air Force Ball. Call Joanna Bradshaw at 563-3818 with your answers.*

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**What was the name of the first U.S. space station?**

**Who was the first U.S vice president to become president?**

**Abraham Lincoln said democracy was “government of the people, by the people, and for the people,” in what famous speech?**

**How many people have won the Congressional Medal of Honor twice?**

**What is the highest decoration worn by Brig. Gen. Chris Miller?**

**The autobiography, “Return With Honor” was scribed by what author?**

**Who was the only woman to serve as secretary of the Air Force?**

**Who was the first secretary of the Air Force?**

**The first B-2 arrived at Whiteman on what date?**

Tickets for the 2005 Whiteman Air Force Ball are also available for \$25 per person.

Former Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Donald B. Rice, is the guest speaker for the event.

The buffet menu is: London broil with burgundy mushroom sauce, grilled marinated chicken breast, oven-browned potatoes with rosemary and parsley patch, green beans with almonds and sesame oil, rolls and butter, and birthday cake.

Dress for the event is:

Military — mess dress unless they do not have it, then it is semi-formal service dress.

Civilian — formal unless they do not have it, then it is semi-formal.

The event takes place 6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the 442nd 5-Bay Hangar. For tickets contact your first sergeant.

## Autograph signing

Mickey Carroll, an original member of the “Wizard of Oz” cast, will be available to meet Whiteman members and sign autographs 1:20-2p.m. Sept. 9 at the base exchange.

Mr. Carroll, President Harry Truman’s friend, portrayed a munchkin who told Dorothy to “follow the yellow brick road.”



## Whiteman members can help save lives

The American Heart Association is having their annual Johnson County Heart Walk on Sept. 10 in Warrensburg.

The event is a three mile run/walk that will start in the Western Missouri Medical Center parking lot and continue into downtown.

In this country, heart disease is the number one killer of our citizens and stroke is number three. This walk will raise money to combat these two life-threatening medical issues. We would like to have a strong showing from Team Whiteman this year and encourage individuals or teams to participate. We are looking for team captains, walkers/runners, and supporters of this worthy cause.

To participate or learn more, contact Staff Sgt. Tim Bouseman at 687-5761, (660) 864-6043, or [timothy.bouseman@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:timothy.bouseman@whiteman.af.mil).





Wing members enjoy lunch at the 2005 Whiteman Enlisted Luau. More than 1,100 Whiteman members attended the event, which was organized by the Whiteman Top 3. The food was provided by the Holden Meat Locker of Holden, Mo. Disc Jockey Char Mickle of Concordia supplied music at the event.

## FEATURE

# 509th takes a LUAU BREAK



Photos by Senior Airman Joe Laddan

Johnna Scobey, wife of Master Sgt. Michael Scobey, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, puts food on the plate of Master Sgt. Tim Allen, 509th Services Squadron.



Above: Pouring rains didn't stop the wide turnout. More than 1,100 Luau tickets were sold. Right: Senior Airman Jules Pascua, 509th Maintenance Squadron, pets Koda, the dog of Staff Sgt. Christa Brown, 509th MXS.



Airman 1st Class John Lowery, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, shows off his Australian red sandfire dragon, Eva.



Airman 1st Class John Tremblay, 509th Communications Squadron, plays horseshoes. Other activities included Hillbilly Golf and a best tattoo and biggest belly contest. The Envision store donated disposable utensils, the Whiteman Base Community Council donated \$500, the Whiteman Chiefs' group gave \$250 and First Command donated \$100. Airmen Against Drunk Driving also provided transportation.



## CROSSWORD

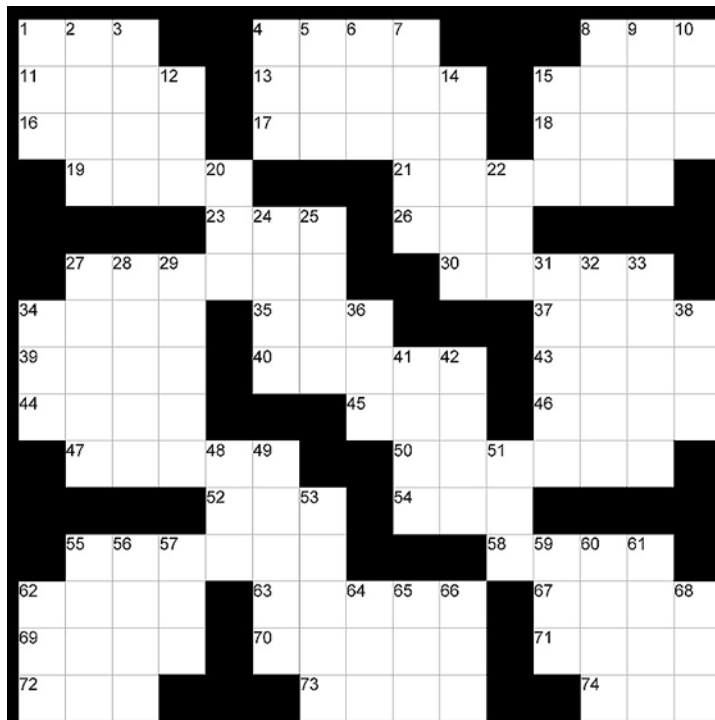
## Air Force pioneers of the 1970s

By Capt. Tony Wickman

Alaskan Command Public  
Affairs

## ACROSS

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8. Sis' sib  
11. Sad  
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19. Assist  
21. Hang out  
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26. Goddess of the dawn  
27. Gen. \_\_\_ James; first African-American promoted to USAF 4-star  
30. Drum  
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40. Armistice  
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44. Tool storage place  
45. Big \_\_, C.A.; picturesque resort region along the Pacific  
46. One of the 5 W's  
47. Fable writer  
50. Brig Gen Robinson \_\_\_; senior AF officer held prisoner in Hanoi



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54. Meadow  
55. Jane Leslie \_\_\_; 1st woman commissioned through AFROTC  
58. Jog  
62. Various amounts  
63. South American mountains  
67. Pirate's haul  
69. Cadet \_\_\_ Olsen; first woman admitted

to a service academy

70. Capt. Sandra \_\_\_; first woman tanker commander to stand alert duty

71. Singer Fitzgerald

72. DoD TV stations overseas

73. Cure

74. Flightless bird

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2. Boring  
3. Col. Regina \_\_\_; first woman to receive the Cheney Award  
4. USAF PME for SSgt (S)  
5. Gen. \_\_\_ Allen; Chief of Staff of the Air Force  
6. 506, to Cicero  
7. Passageway  
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9. Cadet Edward A. \_\_\_; 1st African-American Cadet Wing commander  
10. Bullring cheer  
12. Snakelike fish  
14. Fire at  
15. CMSgt \_\_\_ Harston; Air Force Cross recipient  
20. Hawaiian food made from taro  
22. Country protected by DoD  
24. Collect grain  
25. Model McPherson  
27. Fancy home in Russia  
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56. Middle East country  
57. Actor Cariou  
59. Pub order  
60. Foot part  
61. Jeanne \_\_\_; first woman promoted to Brig. Gen.  
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## Ride to survive



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**WARRENSBURG —** Rhonda Miller, wife of Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, poses for a photo with Staff Sgt. Norman Smith, 509th Communications Squadron, and Tony and Shirley Sahlfeld at the “Ride for Survival” fundraiser Aug. 20. The fundraiser provides services and shelter to victims of domestic violence in Johnson County. Sergeant Smith is the vice president of the Whiteman Green Knights Motorcycle club. Mr. Sahlfeld is the associate dean of State Fair Community College in Sedalia and Mrs. Sahlfeld is the treasurer for the Whiteman Base Community Council.

## Thank you, Team Whiteman

Dear Friends,

Recently, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Belmore, 509th Maintenance Squadron, and his family suffered a terrible tragedy. After delivering a healthy baby girl Aug. 4, Sue Anne Belmore developed complications that caused her to slip into a coma. It is with my deepest sympathy that I inform you that she passed away on Aug. 22. She leaves behind a faithful husband and three little girls.

Upon hearing of Mrs. Belmore's situation, the base immediately put together a crisis action team. The team consisted of members of the 509th Maintenance Squadron, the family support center, 509th Medical Group, military personnel flight, chaplain's office, child development center, and mortuary and casualty affairs. To all the members of these groups, words cannot describe how humble and appreciative I am for your efforts to ensure that the family's needs were met. I'd also like to thank the 509th Security Forces Squadron, lodging and all the folks who provided meals for the family during this difficult time.

Additionally, I'd like to thank in advance all of the organizations who stand ready to help the Belmore family as they open the next chapter of their lives. Certainly this situation presents difficult challenges, but I know with the help of the “Whiteman Family,” the Belmores will be able to move on and step back into life!

Thanking you once again,

Maj. Dave Hadden  
509th Maintenance Squadron commander

## Base exchange honors retirees

The Whiteman exchange will formally honor military retirees during its annual “Still Serving” weekend, Sept. 16-18.

Throughout the Still Serving weekend, the Whiteman exchange will create excitement through special events such as drawings, free refreshments, free product samples, vendor demonstrations and door prizes.

Representing nearly half of Army and Air Force Exchange Services military households, the exchange maintains a strong relationship with retirees throughout the entire year.

“Military retirees make up 42 percent of sponsors eligible to shop at AAFES facilities,” said David Ingram, general manager of Whiteman's exchange.

“While we pause to formally recognize them in September of each year, AAFES and its associates understand that retirees deserve our gratitude 365 days a year.”

Every time retirees choose to shop at the Whiteman exchange, they provide needed

support for morale, welfare and recreation programs, facilities and non-appropriated fund construction projects, such as bowling alleys, gymnasiums and golf courses.

“Retiree support plays a big part in AAFES' annual dividend. Without their support it would not have been possible for AAFES to return more than \$242 million to armed forces MWR programs last year,” Mr. Ingram said.

“AAFES' Still Serving” weekend will be full of great information and events,” Mr. Ingram said. “I hope military retirees will make a point to stop by the Whiteman exchange for a not-to-be missed weekend.”

To find out more about AAFES' history and mission or to view recent press releases, please visit our Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/pa/default.asp>.

For more information or to schedule an interview with an AAFES representative, please contact Kim Lafferty, 660-563-3001 or e-mail her at [lafferty@aafes.com](mailto:lafferty@aafes.com). (Courtesy of Whiteman exchange.)



## VIDEO, from Page 2

dispel one of the most common myths about rape.

“The biggest myth is that rapists wear ski mask and jump out of bushes — that they are the only rapists,” Ms. Bradley said.

The reality is that the majority of rapists are non-stranger rapists — someone the victim knows. The video will help educate Airmen about that fact, and will also help dispel other myths about rape, said Claudia Bayliff, the new Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program chief.

“Statistics show approximately 85 percent of rapists are somebody known to the victim,” Ms. Bayliff explained. “Another myth about rape is that the victim is somehow responsible, the victim provoked it or caused it.

In addition, many think that nonstranger rapes are just a ‘miscommunication,’ or that they are caused by too much alcohol. What we are trying to show with the video is that these non-stranger rapes are usually premeditated.”

The video also helps viewers understand the role of facilitators and bystanders — individuals who either consciously perpetuate an environment that enables non-stranger rapists to function, by offering encouragement and failing to act, or by having knowledge and failing to intervene. The goal is to teach Airmen how to intervene to protect each other.

Also part of the training film is a discussion on the Air Force’s implementation of the Department of Defense’s restricted reporting policy, and the Air Force’s new Sexual

Assault Response Coordinator program.

The training video is part of a larger Air Force program to reduce sexual assault through education and awareness. The program includes five major initiatives that focus on strong leadership and clear and integrated policy; prevention through education and training; improved care for victims; improved reporting procedures for victims; and ensuring new initiatives translate to the deployed environment.

“The Air Force is engaging in institutional change on this issue at a profound level,” Ms. Bayliff said. “In all my years of working on this issue, I have never seen anything like this. This is a huge institutional change that is really unprecedented.”

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## GENERAL, from Page 1

AFB, took the microphone to talk about his colleague’s illustrious professional life.

“This is the most humble guy I know,” General O’Rior-dan said. “So this is going to embarrass him.”

General O’Riordan told the audience about General Miller’s brilliance throughout his career, from his studies at Oxford, to his innovative ideas in helping make the Air Force’s force development initiative a reality while serving as the director of assignments at Randolph.

“Chris is perhaps one of the leading intellects in the Air Force today,” General O’Riordan said. “It’s that kind of education and expertise that will pay off big for the country.”

Gen. Miller, a command pilot, has more than 2,600 hours flying the B-1, B-2, T-38 and T-37. General O’Rior-dan recalled how General Miller’s enthusiasm and positive attitude as a B-1 pilot at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan., became infectious among his fellow pilots.

“I look at being a leader like (being) a magnifying glass,” General Miller said. “The clearer you are and the better your focus is, the better you can take the light around you and concentrate it and do something with it.”

His wife, who has been with him through 21 of his 25 years in the service including 13 moves, stood next to him once again, along with his mother, Charlotte, to pin silver stars on his shoulders.

His daughter, Ryann, an 18-year-old high school senior, and his son, Sky, a middle school student, placed brigadier general epaulets on his shoulders.

General Miller credited his children for their perser-vance during his career, which included assignments across the United States and in western Europe.

He praised his children’s grace under stress, such as when they had just settled in New York City for his assign-ment on the Council on Foreign Relations, and the terrorist acts of Sept. 11, 2001 struck close to home.

As General Miller reflected on his career, he remem-bered it was a career that nearly ended before it began. His first day as an 18-year-old cadet at the Air Force Academy, he was forced to withdraw from the academy because of a back injury. But he noted his parents, as they had done throughout his life, helped inspire him to return to the Academy a year later. General Miller also saluted his sister, aunts, uncles and cousins who attended.

“Everybody who’s here has a lot to do with who I am,” he said. “They’re the people who’ve been anchors for us. You don’t get anywhere in this business without an anchor.”

The new brigadier general notes that the pin-on ceremo-ny honored more than just himself.

“It’s the people who work in this wing every day,” the new brigadier general said.

After thanking his family, which gathered together for the first time in nearly eight years, he turned to his Air Force family.

“Being a brigadier general is not about me,” he said. “It’s about our team doing what needs to be done in a diffi-cult time.”

The 1980 Air Force Academy graduate has a Bachelor’s degree in International Relations and History and earned a Master’s degree in Internal Relations at Oxford.

## GWOT, from Page 4

are all key factors to winning this war.

There are formal initiatives in place such as the Office of Special Investigation’s “Eagle Eyes” program that describes what type of activities to report and lists a 24-hour number to call to report any activities you deem to be suspicious in nature.

After Pearl Harbor, Japanese Admiral Yamamoto said he feared the attack had “awakened a sleeping giant,” the American people, our military strength and resolve. He was right — and now the American Giant is slowly but surely waking up to the threat of terrorism. As in World War II and the Cold War, we must rise to the occasion and all do our part to protect this great country.

The World War II generation has been called the “Greatest Generation” because it stood up to our enemies and vanquished them.

Sept. 11, 2001, “a date which will live in \_\_\_\_\_.” How will our generation fill in this blank? How will Sept. 11 and our resolve to fight the GWOT be remembered by future generations?

Will we be remembered as another “Greatest Genera-tion,” who all did their part to win the GWOT? The alter-native to winning this war is bleak beyond description.

Please do your part; be cognizant our country is at war and we are all on the front lines. Be aware of your sur-roundings and report suspicious activities to authorities.

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The Knob Noster Panthers 7th and 8th grade youth basketball team competed in a national tournament in Wichita, Kan.

## Youth hoops earns invite

A team of seventh- and eighth graders comprised mostly of Whiteman youth earned an invite to the 2005 Nationals Basketball Tournament in Wichita, Kan.

The tournament is comprised of the 60 best Amateur Athletic Union teams competing in Mid-America Youth Basketball. The Knob Noster Panther team is coached by Garry Walker, 509th Munitions Squadron, and Jeff Rosine. The young Panthers have been playing basketball together over the last five years and were selected for the 2005 tournament because of their outstanding attitude and record throughout the Midwest in 2005, Coach Walker said.

The Panthers were Champions at the 2005 Show-Me games Hoopfest, the Lawrence, Kan., and Blue Springs,

Mo., invitational. They were also runners up in Leavenworth, Kan., Missouri II and Holden, Mo., tournaments. The team ended its 2005 season with a record of 39-16, competing against the best in the Midwest. They fared well at the 2005 Nationals with a 2-2 record after being eliminated by an All-Star team from Lawrence Kansas.

The National Championship team this year was an All-Star team from Oklahoma. Coach Walker credits the team's success to leadership, attitude and great community and family support. Without loving parents and the local community, none of this could be possible, coach Walker said. Special thanks to Greg Hauser, 509th Services Squadron, for allowing the players to prepare for tournament by practicing in the base gym.

## Grand prize winner



Photo by Poppy Arthurton

Maureen Niska (center), Stars and Strikes manager, presents a \$500 check to Airman 1st Class William Wilttrout, 509th Comptroller Squadron. Airman Wilttrout was the winner of the bowling center's \$500 grand prize in the summer promotion "Bowl for the Stars and Strikes." Also pictured is Airman Wilttrout's wife, Kim. Participants in the competition were given punch cards to fill up over the summer with each purchase of a game or large drink. Completed cards were then entered into a monthly draw. Other winners were: Gary Hall, 509 Civil Engineer Squadron, who won a bowling ball; Master Sgt. James Kendall, 509th Security Forces Squadron, who won a bowling ball and bag; and Betty Crawshaw who won an Air Force bowling ball.

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## Sports & Recreation

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### End of pool season

The base pool season ends at 6 p.m. Monday.

#### Boater safety class

There's still time this summer to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. The next ski boat safety class is 8 a.m.-noon Sept. 10.

#### Wall Class

Learn to climb the 20 foot wall at outdoor recreation. The class will cover climbing technique and safety procedures. The class takes place 2-4 p.m. Sept. 10.

#### Volksmarch 2005

Sign up by Sept. 15 for the 10K run or walk around Knob Noster State Park. The Volksmarch starts at 9 a.m. Sept. 17. Participants should bring along a picnic lunch to enjoy with their fellow walkers after the event.

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### Play with the pros

Pick a National Football League team and earn points during your workouts to add to their weekly tally. The individual with the most points after The Super Bowl wins an NFL team jersey of their choice. Other NFL prizes will also be given out. See fitness center staff for rules and details.

### Tickets and Travel 687-5643

#### Kansas City Renaissance Festival

The annual renaissance festival begins Labor Day weekend in Bonner Springs, Kan. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12 from tickets and travel.

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Labor Day closure

Mission's End will be closed Friday-Monday over the Labor Day weekend.

#### College football

Club member football fans can watch their favorite college teams on the 10 big screens in the Lavene lounge for free. Lounge food and beverages will be available for purchase.

#### National Football League, Sunday Ticket

Mission's End will be showing all NFL Sunday Football games on 10 plasma screens starting Sept. 11. Free to club members.

## Movie Schedule

**Friday**  
**Sky High** 7 p.m. PG  
Starring-Kurt Russell and Michael Angarano

**Saturday**  
**Wedding Crashers** 5 p.m. R  
Starring-Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn

**Sunday**  
**Hustle and Flow** 5 p.m. R  
Starring- Terrence Dashon Howard and DJ Qualls

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75  
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.  
For current and future movie listings log on to  
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

### Royal Oaks 687-5573

#### Steak night at Royal Oaks

Try out the Royal Oaks steak night. Friday and Saturday nights starting at 5 p.m. at the new club house.

#### Club house snack bar

The Royal Oaks club house stocks a range of snacks and drinks for sale from 7 a.m. until dusk

## Community Activities

### Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

#### Labor Day closure

The arts and crafts center and auto hobby will be closed over the holiday weekend Saturday-Monday.

#### Air Force online gallery

Check out Whiteman's entries to the Air Force gallery, before they are submitted, as they are displayed throughout September at the arts and crafts center.

#### Basic car care

Auto hobby is offering a basic car care class for spouses of deployed members. The class will cover checking oil, tire pressure, belts and changing a tire. The class is free and takes place 2-4 p.m. Wednesday.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Job ready

Learn how to understand and fill in job application forms and how to obtain letters of reference at the next job ready meeting. The free meeting starts at 5 p.m. Thursday at the teen center.

#### Midnight basketball

Teens can show off their basketball skills with a late night court session. The event starts at 8 p.m. Sept. 10 at the youth center gym. The teen center will be closed during this event.

#### Open recreation

Looking for a place to chill or play a game with friends? The teen center has a pool table, fooseball, air hockey, movies, music, board games, a computer or just space to hang out with friends. Open recreation is available 3p.m.-closing every Monday-Saturday, free for members, \$1 for nonmembers.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Dentokan karate

Learn self-defense, conditioning, stress relief and self-discipline with Dentokan karate training. Beginner and advanced classes take place Tuesday and Thursday 5-8 p.m. evenings at the youth center.

Sign ups are ongoing and the cost is \$25 per month for members and \$32 per month for nonmembers.

#### Kid's night out

"Monsters, Inc.," fans, ages 6-9, will love this chance to watch the movie with friends, play themed games in the gym and make a "Monsters, Inc.," craft.

The activities take place 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the youth center.

#### Pre-Teen shopping trip

There is a shopping trip to Independence mall for 10-12 year olds leaving at 1 p.m. Sept. 10. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers, participants will need extra money for shopping, video games and dinner. Sign up at the youth center.

### Community Center 687-5617

#### Youth art day

Budding artists ages 8-17 can bring along their favorite medium to create a work of art for display at the Community Center. The event starts at 2 p.m. Saturday. There will be prizes and ribbons for each age category and a free family movie and popcorn afterward.

each day.

For something more substantial, Duffer's Grill is open from 7 a.m until one hour before dusk.

Duffer's Grill offers breakfast and a range of hamburgers, sandwiches and hot dogs to eat in or take out.

#### Labor Day tournament

The tournament shotgun starts at 9 a.m. Sept. 5. The cost is \$20 plus cart and greens fees.

Duffer's Grill will be open on Labor Day for sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs and drinks.

#### Ballroom dancing class

Hone your foxtrot in preparation for the Air Force Ball with a professionally taught dance lesson. The class will take place 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Mission's End.

#### Glamour glitz for girls

Mothers can use their own outfits and props to dress up their daughters or use community center supplies. The girls will then have their picture taken by a professional photographer. The event takes place 12-3 p.m. Sept. 10 at the community center and costs \$1.

### Family Child Care 687-1180

#### Want a profitable home-based career?

Providers are needed to provide care for the following: evenings, weekends, swing shift workers, infants, special needs and mildly ill children.

The Air Force is now offering a subsidy for providers who are willing to meet these critical needs. Providers who hold a standard license are subsidized \$125 a week per qualifying child. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted.

#### Family child care orientation class

Receive training to become a family child care provider 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 12-16. Providers with chronic health problems are accepted. Pick up a registration package from the family child care office by Thursday.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Developmental enrichment program

The child development center's pre-school enrichment program will recommence this month. The program is designed to foster language development, social-emotional development, self-help skills, gross and fine motor skills and cognitive development. Parents can sign up their 3-or 4-year-olds at the child development center.

### Library 687-6217

#### Library computing resources

The base library offers 18 public access workstations with broadband Internet access, Microsoft Office including access and Adobe Photoshop 6.0. There are also three laptop connection points, a scanner, color printer and special parent/child workstation in the children's collection.

#### Story time

Story time for pre-schoolers returns in September. Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. 3-5-year-olds can listen to a story or take part in a craft activity at the library.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Microchip clinic

Microchipping provides pets with a permanent form of identification via a unique code that cannot be altered or lost. A microchip cannot fade like a tattoo or fall off like an identification tag.

The implantation procedure is simple and similar to administering a vaccine. A microchip can save a pet's life and give owners peace of mind that they have done everything they can to protect their pet. The vet clinic is holding a microchip clinic 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sept. 23. The cost is \$13.50 per pet.

Call the clinic for an appointment.